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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Project USEFUL

1. During the period 19 to 30 September 1955, the Office of Training, with the assistance of  and senior personnel of the Agency, will conduct its second semi-annual course of instruction known as Project USEFUL. This course is being offered to forty military personnel of the Armed Forces who are now, or will be, engaged in planning for the use of resistance forces in support of military operations.

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2. Personnel attending the course are of senior field grade and include representatives of all four Armed Forces. Current duty assignments of this group range from planners at the Joint Staff, Theater, and General Staff levels to staff and faculty members of service war colleges and staff schools.

3. In the interest of enhancing CIA-Military relationships, it is requested that you welcome this group on Monday, 19 September, from 0900 to 0915 hours, in 117 Central Building. A copy of the approved course outline is attached for your information.

4. Your acceptance of this invitation will be sincerely appreciated.

SIGNED

MATTHEW BAIRD  
Director of Training

Enclosure:

Project USEFUL Course Outline

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**PROJECT USEFUL NO. 2**  
**19 - 30 September 1955**

**PURPOSE:** To provide military officers, selected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on a need-to-know basis, with an orientation of the organization and mission of CIA, its capabilities, limitations, and attendant problems in support of military operations in wartime.

**PROGRAM:** Introduction and welcome -- Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Director of Central Intelligence

Brief orientation on background of CIA's organization.

The mission of CIA --



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A brief introduction and description of clandestine activities and tradecraft employed in conduct of these activities.

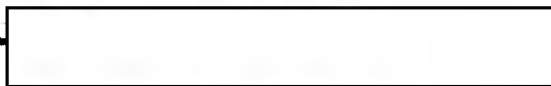
The capabilities and limitations of clandestine operations in the Soviet Orbit -- Mr. Harry Reznitsky,  
Chief, Operations School, OTR

The capabilities and limitations of clandestine operations in a non-denied area (to illustrate the problems of multilateral agreements, etc.) --

Chief, Western Europe Division, DD/P

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The CIA Planning Cycle --



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The CIA organization for war planning, including a discussion of the "Fourth Force" responsibility, planning in a combined theater of operations, and planning in event of nuclear warfare --

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Lectures on the problems encountered in generating clandestine forces for guerrilla warfare, evasion and escape, espionage, clandestine political warfare, and sabotage in support of military operations in wartime -- PP Staff, DD/P

Lectures on the Logistic, Technical Services, Air-Maritime, Communication, Personnel, Training and Medical support for clandestine operations in wartime -- Office Directors and senior personnel of DD/S

The problems of disposition of CIA-created assets in the post-combat and post-war phases of operations.

Recapitulation, Discussion and Critique

Concluding Remarks -- Mr. Frank Wisner, Deputy Director (Plans)

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